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Dedication—Tribute to Lloyd Tevis

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DEDICATION

Professor Lloyd Tevis is retiring at the end of this school year after thirty-two years of service to Loyola Law School. The Board of Editors is pleased and honored to dedicate this issue to him in recognition of his contributions to Loyola and to the legal community.

TRIBUTE TO LLOYD TEVIS

Once upon a time—it must be about a thousand years ago—Lloyd Tevis had an active full time law practice, a sporty Jaguar automobile, a crew cut, but no beard, and he was an adjunct professor. In those days, his effusiveness as a Dodger fan was held in check. All that changed.

It seems about seven hundred years ago, it was well after he left practice to join the faculty, that Lloyd became the seventh dean of the law school. During his too brief service in that post, Lloyd increased significantly the size of the faculty, spearheaded curriculum reform and laid the groundwork for the future expansion of the school.

He exhibited professionalism in everything that he did. He believed passionately in the dignity of each member of the law school community and in broad based, responsible faculty governance. These things time has not touched.

When he concluded it was time to move, the name change on the Dean’s door brought Lloyd back to the world of teaching and scholarship. He has always distinguished himself both in and out of the classroom. His courses have always been exquisitely prepared, thorough and analytical, highly organized and marked frequently by his deep-voiced, dry humor. Out of class, his cheerful availability and accessibility—to students and colleagues alike—have been a model.

For all his devotion to students and school (he has always been Mr. Reliable on faculty committees), Lloyd still made the time to reach out to embrace broader responsibilities. Devoted to their faith, he and Grace were central figures in helping the Missionaries of Charity establish their now flourishing presence among the poorest of the poor in Los Angeles. His service on bar committees has not lessened.

Over the years, those who have known Lloyd in only one capacity, perhaps as teacher, lawyer, Dean, colleague or friend, have known the whole man as he was and as he is. The crew cut lawyer, the Dean, the
teacher and colleague is principled without being pompous. Without side, but with heart; thinking, generous, caring and humorous. He is, however, an unshakable Dodger fan.

He has again decided to move, this time to retirement on California's central coast to finish his book, certainly to read, perhaps to rekindle his love of photography and to listen to his superb collection of music. Whatever absorbs the future, we wish him a long one and thank him for all he has given.

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